

[8th February 1924]

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I ask whether Government will be prepared to call for the information in view of the allegations made ?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I do not think it is necessary to go into it at all."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I want the Government to have inquiry made about the action of the local excise authorities. Will the Government call for the information on this question ?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I have already replied to the hon. Member for Coimbatore on it."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" That is 'no information will be called for.' "

*Liquor shops in Malabar.*

376 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Minister for Education (Excise) be pleased to state—

(i) whether any local boards, municipalities and unions in South Kanara and Malabar have made applications for restricting the number of liquor shops and which of them and when and to what extent were restrictions sought ;

(ii) which of the applications were rejected or partially granted and on what grounds ?

A.—(i) Two resolutions, one from the Municipal Council, Mangalore, and another from the Municipal Council, Palghat, were received in 1922 and 1924 respectively for the removal of arrack and toddy shops from within the municipal limits.

(ii) The Government were unable to accept the recommendation of the Municipal Council, Mangalore, because even with the existing number of shops in the town, illicit sale of liquor is reported to be common.

No orders have yet been passed on the application from Palghat.

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Excise whether, before the recommendation of the Municipal Council of Mangalore was rejected, the local Advisory Committee was consulted ?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I am afraid I want notice of the question."

*Distillation of liquor from Kaju and other products.*

377 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Excise) be pleased to state—

(1) whether any analytical tests have ever been made of the various kinds of fruits (including Kaju) and flowers and other materials suitable for the production of liquor and if so what they are ;

(2) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to have an analysis made of liquor produced therefrom and place its results before this Council ;